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2 Introduced by Senators McCormack and Campbell

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; speeding; school zones

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide for  
7 double fines for speeding in a properly designated school zone.

8 An act relating to double fines for speeding in school zones

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1081 is amended to read:

11 § 1081. BASIC RULE AND MAXIMUM LIMITS

12 (a) No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is  
13 reasonable and prudent under the conditions, having regard for the actual and  
14 potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be controlled as  
15 necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other object on or  
16 adjacent to the highway.

17 (b) Except when there exists a special hazard that requires lower speed in  
18 accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the limits specified in this  
19 section or established as hereinafter authorized are maximum lawful speeds,

1 and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of  
2 50 miles per hour.

3 (c) The maximum speed limits set forth in this section may be altered in  
4 accordance with sections 1003, 1004, 1007, and 1010 of this title.

5 (d) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of  
6 subsection (a) of this section, drive at an appropriate, reduced speed when  
7 approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when  
8 approaching and going around a curve, when approaching the crest of a hill,  
9 when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard  
10 exists.

11 (e) Notwithstanding the limits established in section 2302 of this title and  
12 the waiver penalties established under 4 V.S.A. § 1102(d), the penalty for  
13 violating a State or municipal speed limit in a school zone designated with  
14 signs in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 921 shall be twice the penalty for a  
15 nonschool zone speed limit violation.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.